



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 01:
Friday 8th
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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff, I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff:



Mrs Laura Walker – Year 3 Teacher (Mon-Wed)
Miss Katie Stimpson – Year 5 Teacher
Miss Olivia Scanlon – Year 2 Teacher
Miss Jade Standen – Trainee Teacher Year 6
Miss Sarah Collier – Trainee Teacher Year 4
Mrs Kelly Taylor – Teaching Assistant
Miss Dakota Bull – Teaching Assistant Apprentice Nursery and Reception

We ask for God's blessing on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.

Next week, we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children for their first morning of school – the very best of luck!

Send us your 'first day at school' photographs via email so that we can post on our Social Media: admin.sg@romeromac.com

We want the very best for your children and look forward to continuing with our school improvement. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me if you wish to discuss any element of school life. It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and focused on their learning. What a pleasure it is to work at St Gregory's 😊

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Priest!

We wish to extend a huge congratulations to Miss Downing, our Assistant Principal, who got married during the Summer Holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Priest. We wish her and her new husband a lifetime of happiness! Congratulations!



Shining Stars

Today we held a special celebration assembly in which we celebrated those children who had really shone during their first few days back at school. Staff across school had been looking out for children who have been displaying the school rules or who have been making efforts to showcase positive learning behaviours. It was a lovely way to begin our Friday and celebrate our children's positive contributions to school life!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Grace	Fiyin	Zemnaan	Jayden M
Year 5	Year 6	Mr Lindley	Mrs Scullion
Seren	David A	Desife (Y2)	Sienna (Y4)



Introducing Greg's Guineaes!

We have also welcomed 3 special new friends to our St Gregory's community. Please welcome Pickles, Giggle and Stripey – our St Gregory's Guinea Pigs! The children were so excited to meet them on Tuesday in assembly and are looking forward to opportunities in which they can care for and nurture them! 💙💛
 Welcome to the Family Guineaes ... we can't wait to take care of you! You will be the perfect addition to our pastoral offer 😊💛

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Lunchtimes – Romero Academy

Staggered lunchtimes will continue across the school to enable us to get through all the meals!

Nursery 11:40am / Reception 11:30am – 12.30pm / Year 1/2/3 12:00pm – 1:00pm Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 - 12:15pm – 1:15pm

Please do consider putting your child back onto School Meals – they are really tasty and great value for money.

****Gentle Reminders! ****



8.50am Lateness Following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.50am all children will be in school. Any children arriving after 8.50am will be marked late in the register. 8.50am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We are going to be making further steps to reduce lateness working with families who are not ensuring their child is in school by 8.50am.

New end of the daytime School will end at 3:20pm each day. Gates will open from 3:15pm.

Procedures for Absences If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:10am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. It is imperative that we know by telephone that a child is not expected to be in by 9:10am otherwise we will telephone. If we still cannot make contact, then Mrs Sweatman (Pastoral Team) or Mrs Feeney (Academy Attendance Officer) may make a visit to the family home.

School and Parish Masses

Next week, we will send out all the school and parish mass dates/times for the whole year, these include all the sacramental programme dates for Yr3 First Holy Communion and Yr6 Confirmation.

Please add these to your diaries – hopefully there will be no changes.



Dates for your diary

On set Friday's we have an assembly led by a class (parents will be welcome to these) – the first few are:

Friday 29 th September	Little Way Week – Year 3 – 9:00am
Friday 27 th October	Black History Month – Year 6 – 9:00am
Friday 17 th November	Anti-bullying Week – Year 5 – 9:00am

**** In the next few days, we will send out a full calendar with all the dates for the year ****



Arbor Communications

- Please download the APP and login to ensure you receive all emails/alerts/payments.
- We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Arbor. We do not print the newsletter – please make sure you register with Arbor to ensure you do not miss important communications from school.
- Letters – the vast majority of letters will not be printed and will be emailed to your Arbor account.
- **CASHLESS** – we are a cashless school and do not accept cash/cheques for school meals, trips, music lessons etc – please use the Arbor APP to pay for activities.

Pupil Leadership

Here at St Gregory's, we are keen to grow leaders of the future and want to involve the children in our decision making as much as possible – it is their school after all! We cannot wait to implement our **pupil leadership** structure leading on from the success of our roles of House Captain and Vice-Captains. Over the next few weeks, children in Key Stage Two will have the opportunity to apply for a place on our school council. The children will be asked to submit an application (the format is up to them) detailing why they should be a member of our **School Council**. They will then be elected and enrolled for their term of office.

Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will also have the opportunity to apply to be a part of our **Eco Team**. The Eco Team will be pivotal this year in ensuring that we are able to achieve our Live Simply Award. Mrs Tate will explain the application process to the children in the coming weeks.

Last year's House Vice-Captains have now stepped up to their senior position of House Captain, meaning that we are looking for four new **Vice-Captains** from our Year 5 pupils. Application forms will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Finally, we have two exciting positions available for our Year 6 children to undertake. We are looking to recruit next **Head Boy and Head Girl**. Those who wish to be considered will write a manifesto and deliver this to the children within school. We will then host a school voting week where each child will vote for who they wish to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl and represent our school and vocalise the children's thoughts.

This is a very exciting time for us as we hope that these initiatives will help develop confidence and independence within the children who apply and give a voice to the rest of the children at school so that we can make changes for the better.

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P.E. – Autumn Term 1

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Autumn 1
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RECEPTION
Gymnastics
THURSDAY

YEAR 1
Playground games + Dance
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 2
Athletics + Healthy Lifestyles
WEDNESDAY

YEAR 3
Athletics & Endball
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

YEAR 4
XCountry & Orienteering & Healthy Lifestyles
FRIDAY

YEAR 5
Athletics & Dance
TUESDAY & FRIDAY

YEAR 6
Indoor Athletics & Invasion Games
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Please send your child in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

Extra-Curricular Club Offer

These are now available to book via the clubs section of your child's Arbor Account. We have listened carefully to the children's views and created an offer using their feedback. Please do book as soon as possible – places are limited and we would hate for your child to miss out.

Secondary Admissions – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2024. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website:

<https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a GOOD school (Ofsted 2022). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2024.

We welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on

Thursday 28th September at 5-7pm.

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Arbor

Parents should have received an Arbor message today, detailing your child's arrangements for PE for this half term. If you missed this, please the document on the left hand side which informs you of the days your child has PE and which units they will be covering. Please also use the Padlet QR codes to look at your child's learning within the subject and add any sporting success they have outside of school too 😊

Birthday Gift!

Reminder - for children on their birthday or the nearest school day to their birthday – they can come to school in non-uniform. This way, everybody within the school community who sees them, will know that it is their special day. To clarify, if a birthday is on the weekend or within school holidays the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards. Please no birthday cakes into school, as it takes the staff too long to cut up and detracts from the children's learning.



Make Time for Breakfast!

Even on the first few days back we are aware that there are some children who are coming to school without having breakfast. It really is important that the children have something to eat in the morning before they come to school in order to feel energised and ready to concentrate and learn. It is a long time to wait until lunchtime! If on the odd occasion your child has missed breakfast eg. due to running late, please do let us know and then at least we can make sure that they have had something to eat before lessons.



St Gregory's
Extra Curricular Clubs
Autumn 1

Monday FOOTBALL - YEARS 1, 2, & 3	Tuesday MUSICAL THEATRE - YEARS 2-6 CHESS - YEARS 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday DODGEBALL - YEARS 1-4 NETBALL - YEARS 5 & 6	Thursday GIRLS FOOTBALL - YEARS 3-6 INDOOR ATHLETICS - YEARS 3-6
Friday BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM TRAINING YEARS 5 & 6	Booking ... BOOKING AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR IN THE 'CLUBS' SECTION OF YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

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SAVE THE DATE

Prospective Year 7

Open Evening

Thurs 28 Sept 2023

Cardinal Wiseman's overall effectiveness in all areas is **GOOD**
Ofsted 2022

**JOIN US AND SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU AT
CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

5 PM - 7 PM

#BelIncredible #WeAreWiseman

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How do I know what my child is learning?

All curriculum information for your child's year group will be detailed in a Curriculum Overview Sheet that will be handed out during our **Curriculum Evening** which will take place on **Tuesday 19th September for EYFS and KS1** and **Wednesday 20th September for KS2**, both sessions will **begin at 6pm**. We will also be running subject workshops during these sessions so that you have chance to learn how best to support your child with Reading and Maths. Please do make an effort to attend, as it is a chance to meet your child's teacher and learn of all that the year group has to offer your child.

I am learning about...



Autumn Term Whole School Overview



Autumn	Coventry Week D&T focus	English: Reading through to writing journey	Foundation Subjects	Science	
Year 1	Weaving project	The Tiger Who Came to Tea Beegu	Me and My World History, Geography Art Project: Self-portrait and collage	Animals including Humans (Human Body)	Animals including Humans (Animals)
Year 2	Coventry God Cakes food project	The Gingerbread Man: The Great Fire of London Non-fiction	The Great Fire of London History Art project: GFOL: Painting and Drawing D&T project: Fire Engines	Uses of everyday materials	
Year 3	Coventry Textiles project	Leon and the Place Between The Egyptian Cinderella	The Ancient World History Art project: Pyramid Drawings D&T project: Shaduff	Forces & Magnets	Animals including Humans
Year 4	Wooden Frame project	Escape from Pompeii Poetry	The Roman Empire History Art project: Roman Pottery	Animals including Humans	Sound
Year 5	Night Light project	Macbeth Romero and Juliet	The Tudors History Art project: Portraits	Living things & their Habitats	Properties of Materials
Year 6	Motorised Buggy Project	Letter from the Lighthouse Rose Blanche Beyond the Lines	World War 2 History Art project: Observational drawings (Flowers)	Electricity	Light

Please see subject specific overviews for RE, Music, Computing, Languages & PSHE



Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with **your child's class teacher** by either phoning or emailing the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance – the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the **Leader of Learning**. If a matter is then not resolved – an appointment can be made with a member of the **Leadership team** – Assistant Principal (Mrs Priest), Associate Principal (Mrs Scullion) or Executive Principal (Mrs Williams).

Leaders of Learning	Nursery, Reception Miss Mullen	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Mrs Webb	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Mrs McCormick
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This is the procedure, and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

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St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	N/A
RECEPTION	N/A
YEAR 1	95.4%
YEAR 2	89.3%
YEAR 3	92.7%
YEAR 4	98.3%
YEAR 5	96.6%
YEAR 6	95.5%



THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

94.8%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST
97%

Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Grateful and Generous		
Sunday 10 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher Catholic Church
Monday 11 th September	8.40am – 3.00pm 9.00am	Reception Children Group 1 begin school Mission Assembly
Tuesday 12 th September	8.40am - 3.00pm PM	Reception Children Group 2 begin school Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 13 th September	8.40am – 3.00pm	Reception Children Group 3 begin school
Friday 15 th September	9.00am	Celebration Assembly
Sunday 18 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher Catholic Church

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!
Enjoy the sunshine!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal

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ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

*'Cooking with love;
Providing food for the soul!'*



RED OPTION

YELLOW OPTION

BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

MON

Toad in the Hole
with Mashed
Potato

Vegetable & Lentil
Curry with Boiled
Rice & Naan Bread

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

TUE

Pepperoni Pizza
with Tomato Pasta

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with Tomato Pasta

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

WED

Chicken Roast
Dinner

Quorn Roast Dinner

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

THU

Spaghetti & Beef
Meatballs with
Garlic Bread

Macaroni Cheese
& Garlic Bread

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

FRI

Battered Fish & Chips

Vegan Sausage Roll
& Chips

Jacket Potato
with
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All meals are served with vegetables and
cake or fruit of the day.
Our self-serve salad cart is also on offer which contains
bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

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